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In response to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In The Claims**

*Please replace claim 11 as shown below. A marked up version of the amended claims is attached to this Amendment.*

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11. (Amended) The method of claim 9 wherein the ablating step comprises ablating substrate material so as to form multiple apertures and multiple side edges, wherein the apertures and the side edges function as mechanical alignment features.

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